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FOR ANDRE NAVEZ

E.O. 11652GDS

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SUBJECT: CASE OF STEFAN MARINOV

REF: (A) STATE 134003;(B) 77 BRUSSELS 15465

1. SINCE ARRIVAL IN US LAST MONTH, BULGARIAN SCIENTIST AND SELF-PROCLAIMED DISSIDENT STEFAN MARINOV HAS INFORMED SEVERAL PERSONS THAT HE IS WITHOUT FUNDS AND ALMOST DESTITUTE. HE HAS EVIDENTLY TAKEN A POSITION AS A PORTER AT THE WATERGATE HOTEL IN VIOLATION OF VISA REGULATIONS. HE HAS ALSO BEGUN TO VISIT VARIOUS CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING SENATOR JESSIE HELMS (R., N.C.), REP. ROBERT DORNAN (R., CALIF.) AND REP. LAMAR GUDGER (D., N.C.) TO ASK WHY THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESIDENT HAS NOT REPLIED TO HIS LETTER OF LAST YEAR. CONGRESSMAN GUDGER'S OFFICE, AT LEAST, IS EXTREMELY UPSET AT WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE THE DANGER THAT OTHER CONGRESSMEN APPROACHED BY MARINOV MAY SEEK TO TAKE POLITICAL ADVANTAGE OF HIS CLAIM. MARINOV HAS INFORMED GUDGER'S OFFICE THAT ANDRE NAVEZ ACCEPTED HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT LAST YEAR IN EMBASSY BRUSSELS IN THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HE

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WOULD HAVE IT DELIVERED TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

2. IN THE HOPE THAT NAVEZ WOULD RECALL THIS UNUSUAL, IF NOT ECCENTRIC, PERSON THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE

HIS RECOLLECTION AS TO THE FOLLOWING:
(A) WHAT EVIDENCE DID MARINOV PRESENT OF HIS FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE US WHEN APPLYING FOR A VISA;
(B) WHAT DID NAVEZ TELL MARINOV LAST YEAR HE WOULD DO WITH HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT? WHAT DID MARINOV TELL HIM WHEN HE GAVE HIM THE LETTER?

3. AS NAVEZ WILL RECALL, DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A CABLE FROM EMBASSY BRUSSELS (REF. B) LAST YEAR INFORMING US THAT MARINOV HAD GIVEN EMBASSY AN ADVANCE COPY OF HIS OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT WHICH MARINOV PLANNED TO HAVE PUBLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. EVIDENTLY, IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY THAT THIS LETTER, OR A DIFFERENT ONE, WAS PUBLISHED IN A BELGIAN PERIODICAL. REF B. DID NOT REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT TRANSMIT MARINOV'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT.

4. FOR BRUSSELS: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECOLLECTION OF OFFICER WHO ISSUED MARINOV HIS VISA AS TO THE EVIDENCE HE PRESENTED OF HIS FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE US WHEN APPLYING FOR HIS VISA. CHRISTOPHER

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